

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1285  
By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Bethany Balthaser, 2006  
Salutatorian of Columbia Academy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Balthaser is one such exceptional student who was recently named Salutatorian of the 2006 graduating class at Columbia Academy; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Balthaser has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Bethany Balthaser has earned an exemplary 4.0 grade point average, while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including the varsity basketball team, Junior Civitan Club, Student Council, Science Club, Pep Club, and the National Honor Society; and

WHEREAS, listed in *Who's Who Among American High School Students*, Ms. Balthaser has served her fellow students as president of the senior class; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of her singular academic achievement, Bethany Balthaser has been honored with the receipt of several awards and scholarships, including the Trustee's Scholarship to Freed-Hardeman University, the Frederick Douglass and Susan B. Anthony Award in Humanities and Social Sciences from the University of Rochester, and the Jack Carlton Rotary Scholarship; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Balthaser's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Balthaser's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Doug and Twyla Balthaser, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Bethany Balthaser's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2006 Columbia Academy Salutatorian, Bethany Balthaser, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.